



Chairman's Report

March 2015

Member welfare

- Ray Johnson is very unwell in Greenwich hospital.
- Roland Lording has had several surgeries but is positive about coming back to bowls.

Financial trading

February trading showed a small profit, but with year to date a cumulative loss of \$12K.

It was decided to suspend any further capital expenditure on Club renovations until F15/16 with a review again in late July when the draft results of the current financial year are known. Consequently any further fund raising has also been put on hold. The cash position is improving.

Alex advised that he has at least one external social event arranged for every weekend until the end of June. These should help with the growth of poker machine revenue. However to put things into perspective, whilst our poker machine revenue is growing, our year to date figure is still less than the Buena Vista or Mosman Hotel take in a week.

Gaming report

Accepted.

Social Committee

- New social calendar has been finalized to include 4 quarterly lunch club events. Need to check for clashes with Mother's Day and Father's Day as we would like to run an event on these days also. Calendar to definitely distributed with this report.
- The new bookings and payments system is showing encouraging results with approximately 50% of payments being made at the time of booking. We would like to see this figure continue to grow as it make it so much easier for the bar staff especially for Thursday night bridge.
- The Prawn Night on March 20 was disappointing at 55 people, which was only half the number that attended late last year.
- Generic flyer is underway with art being prepared.

Ladies report

- 2 new lady bowlers joined this month.
- Open pairs only 14 teams entered for this, the second tournament. However a good result on raffles raising \$220. Our thanks to Allan Mann who sold the tickets.
- When taking raffles and last tournament into account club has contributed approx. \$160- overall. All agree that monthly is way to go, bi monthly or quarterly may be confusing. Jan Mountain notes heavy bowls load at the moment with men's and women's pennants. Jan also noted that, whilst difficult, we still need to look for a monthly \$500 sponsor.

Gifts raffle prizes are welcomed as well as volunteers required to run raffles for our monthly Sunday event. [If you are willing to help please contact Jan Mountain on 0426 288 672 or Judy LeGras on 0428 414 664 \[judithlegras@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:judithlegras@bigpond.com\)](#)

Mens report

- There was a discussion on the space in the bowls office. JD & KA to go through office and throw out old junk. Jan mentions ladies are happy to store stuff in their locker room. Alex noted that there is large storage space available in men's locker room where lockers we're re-located to the ladies room.

Greens and grounds

- The greens are in excellent condition and a real tribute to the work of our Green keeper. As one bowler commented "they are as smooth as silk".
- John Dansie advised a new light has been installed on one of the southern side flagpoles to provide greater light, more economically and the globe much longer lasting. Diggers will purchase other two when funds are raised.
- JD believes he can have all the old furniture / heaters etc in car park removed for \$400. JD is approved to spend up to \$500 on rubbish removal.

Market day Saturday 5th September

- Ann Dooley has resigned as chair of this committee as she feels unable to do the role justice now that she is spending so much of her time in her newly renovated house in the Blue Mountains.
- It was decided to approach social members Sam and Wayne Stevens who had volunteered to help the Club. Roy Edwards to discuss with them.

House committee

- 14 new social members plus one bowling member tabled for approval, all accepted.

- The new date for the Presidents' dinner is now Saturday 30 May after the March, April and May away men's bowling matches have been played.
- In 2016 we will revert back to holding the dinner In February prior to the start of the season.
- The subcommittee formed to review the Club's constitution, members Mick Crosbie, Brian Holmes and Peter Read will meet in the first week of April.

Next meeting Monday 20th April at 4.30pm.

Cheers

I look forward to seeing you in the Club

The place to be in Mosman

Peter Read

Chairman